



DAY CAMP LEAD COUNSELOR

The Miquon Day Camp is seeking a lead counselor that will be responsible for children, their activities, and scheduling throughout the summer from **June 24, 2024 - August 9, 2024**, Monday through Friday 8:00am - 3:45pm with the exception of the July 4th holiday. Additional hours may be available with our After Camp Care program, pre-Camp preparations and set-up, and at the close of Camp in August. All staff must also attend a **mandatory** staff orientation on **June 8-9, 2024**.

THE ROLE

A Miquon Day Camp lead counselor is the most important person in a camper's summer day. Setting the tone for the entire summer, and in some cases, for life, the counselor's job is not to be taken lightly. Serving as a bunk counselor **AND** an activity counselor, the most successful candidates are those who are able to manage multiple priorities, create fun in an instant, maintain high energy, and serve as a positive role model in campers' lives.

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Assist in the direction, supervision, and organization of campers in the bunk/classroom, during activities, and throughout the campers' experience in order to meet the intended camper outcomes.

- Apply basic youth development principles in working with campers through communication, relationship development, respect for diversity, engagement, and empowerment of youth.
- Assure campers are properly supervised at all times.
- Be aware of and implement safety guidelines.

2. Participate in development and implementation of program activities for campers within the Miquon Day Camp mission and outcomes.
 - Responsible for leading and/or assisting with the teaching of activities in bunk and specialist areas.
 - Actively participate in all program areas as assigned.
 - Assist in any program areas as needed (art, athletics, drama, nature, etc.)
3. Maintain high standards of health and safety in all activities for campers and staff.
 - Provide the daily care of each camper within your supervision including recognition of personal health needs.
 - Be alert to camper, counselor in training (CIT) and staff needs. Assist with personal and/or health matters, and consult with the head counselor, nurse, or camp director when appropriate.
 - Be alert to equipment and facilities to ensure proper use, care, and maintenance; report promptly to the camp director when repairs are needed.
4. Be a positive role model to campers and staff
 - Ensure positive attitude, behavior, and interaction with campers and staff at all times.
 - Follow and uphold all safety and security rules and procedures.
 - Set a good example to campers and others with regard to general camp procedures and practices, including sanitation, scheduling, and sportsmanship.
5. Other Job Duties
 - Participate enthusiastically in all camp activities.
 - Participate as a member of the camp staff team to plan, implement, and supervise special programs and other all-camp activities and camp functions.
 - Serve as a positive Miquon Day Camp representative during time away from camp.

JOB QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be 18 years old
- Education and experience in camp, youth programs, recreation, working with children, or in a related field
- Successfully complete all criminal and child protection screenings.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

- Be able to lift up to 50 pounds, including assisting campers as needed during the day.

- Bending / Twisting - including to assist campers during the day and move items such as and not limited to backpacks and outdoor equipment such as toys and miscellaneous equipment
- Able to walk most, if not all day, outdoors during the summer months.

ABOUT MIQUON DAY CAMP

Located in a 10-acre wooded valley just outside Northwest Philadelphia, Miquon offers a rustic setting where children have that summer camp experience of yesteryear.

Miquon is close enough to be accessible to many Philadelphia city and suburban neighborhoods while feeling just far enough away from home. Registration for Miquon Day Camp is open to children ages 4-11, entering preschool and through 6th grade. Your child may attend from 1-7 weeks; consecutive weeks are recommended but not required.

Our camp is composed of rising kindergarteners through sixth graders. Bunks are mixed-age groups but within their grade level, typically 20 - 25 children in size, and led by 2 lead counselors and 1 junior counselor. Time is spent outside on our 10+ acre campus — including wooded areas, fields, and a creek — and is an integral part of every child's Miquon experience.

PAY RATE

Starts at \$15 / hourly with a typical 35 hour week

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Please send your resume and cover letter explaining your interest in the position and addressing your skills and experience to campemployment@miquon.org and assistantcampdirector@miquon.org.

Resumes will be reviewed and considered until all positions are filled.